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32. The method of claim 31, wherein the step of heating utilizes a sufficient softening temperature from about 195°C to about 215°C.--

REMARKS

Claims 9-10 and 21-32 are pending in this application. Claims 1-8 and 11-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as they are the claimed subject matter of a co-pending application.

Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application and allowance of the pending claims at the Examiner's convenience.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Preliminary Amendment and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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